THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Sir, the requisite information is given in the Annexure. (See Appendix 173, Annexure No. 2)

**Social audit panel**

42. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Social Audit Panel set up by the Communications Ministry has assailed the policy of privatisation of telecom services on the basis of impressions gathered during its widespread interaction with consumers and telecom staff though-out the country; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Tax evasion by soft drink manufacturers**

43. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some cases of tax evasions by leading soft drink manufacturers in the country have come to notice.

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to inspect the ledger of other multinational companies from time to time so that the cases of tax evasion could be detected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Assistance provided by UNDP**

44. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of assistance provided by the UNDP during the last three years; and

(b) the details of various development programmes undertaken with such assistance, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The quantum of assistance provided by UNDP during the last three years is as follows:—

| Year | Amount in US$ |
|---|---|
| 1991 | 20,253,185 |
| 1992 | 18,367,246 |
| 1993 | 31,803,873 |

(b) UNDP technical assistance is provided according to the needs of various sectors within the purview of different Central Ministries/Departments. The details of these projects located in different States are given in the Annexure. (See Appendix 173, Annexure No. 3)

**Reduction in import duty on aluminium industry**

45. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from the Indian Aluminium Industry to reduce import duties on raw material used for producing aluminium products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed by Governme to assist the aluminium induustry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): ( and (b) Yes Sir. Government have received certain representation for reduction of import duty on aluminiu to nil.